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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING REPORT

PRC TROOPS LAND ON DISPUTED PARACEL ISLANDS: THE PRESS REPORTS
THE GVN SAID TODAY CHINESE BOATS HAD ENTERED THE WATERS SURROUND-
ING THREE OF THE PARACEL ISLANDS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND PUT
ITS PEOPLE ASHORE IN VIOLATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM'S SOVEREIGNTY.
FOREIGN MINISTER VUONG VAN BAC READ A DECLARATION AT A PRESS
CONFERENCE WHICH SAID THIS "SUDDEN CHANGE" CONSTITUTED "A THREAT
TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THIS REGION."

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SOVIET PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ARABS: SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO TODAY REAFFIRMED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR EGYPT AND THE ARAB CAUSE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. GROMYKO TODAY RECEIVED THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW, YEHIA ABDEL KADER, AND TASS SAID THE TWO MEN EXAMINED
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A SERIES OF PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMI SAID ON MONDAY THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING MOSCOW AS SOON AS YOU FINALLY LEFT EGYPT.

LIBYAN PREMIER "PLANNING" WEST EUROPEAN TOUR: THE PRESS REPORTS LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER JALLUD IS PLANNING TO VISIT SEVEN WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND WEST GERMANY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID IN LONDON TODAY. JALLUD MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY A POWERFUL DELEGATION OF SOME OF HIS MINISTERS DEALING WITH OIL, FINANCE, DEVELOPMENT, AND INDUSTRY.

KHMER COMMUNISTS SHIPPING SUPPLIES TO NORTHWEST REGION: A JANUARY 4 MESSAGE FROM THE CENTRAL PARTY COMMITTEE (CPC) INDICATED THAT 900 METRIC TONS OF MATERIEL AND 296 VEHICLES WERE TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NORTH VIETNAMESE NEAR STUNG TRENG. SOME OF THE SHIPMENT MAY BE DESTINED FOR THE KC NORTHWESTERN REGION. A JANUARY 13 CPC MESSAGE DISCLOSED PLANS TO COMPLETE SHIPMENT OF ABOUT 30 METRIC TONS OF MATERIEL TO THE AREA AS SOON AFTER JANUARY 20 AS POSSIBLE. SOME 3,000 RIFLES, 100 B-41 ROCKET-LAUNCHERS, AND ALMOST 400,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION ARE INCLUDED. THE CPC SAID THIS MATERIEL WOULD SUPPLY NEW MILITARY FORCES IN THE NORTHWESTERN REGION.

SAIGON TO OFFER NEW PEACE PLAN: THE THIEU GOVERNMENT WILL PRESENT A SERIES OF NEW PROPOSALS ON JANUARY 18 TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK IN THE POLITICAL TALKS WITH THE VIET CONG. SAIGON'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VIEN, IS RETURNING TO PARIS TO PRESENT THE NEW PEACE PLAN, WHICH WILL INCLUDE AN OFFER TO HOLD GENERAL ELECTIONS ON JULY 20. VIEN HAS BEEN IN SAIGON SINCE NOVEMBER; HE LEFT THE TALKS TO DEMONSTRATE THE THIEU GOVERNMENT'S DISPLEASURE OVER VIET CONG INTRANSIGENCE. SAIGON APPARENTLY INTENDS TO GET MAXIMUM PROPAGANDA MILEAGE OVER ITS PEACE POSITION ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT LATER THIS MONTH.

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PRISONER RELEASE TALKS STALLED

EMBASSY SAIGON HAS REPORTED THAT THE "PRG" DELEGATE TO THE TWO PARTY COMMISSION HAS REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A JANUARY 4 AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO RESUME PRISONER RELEASES. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY, IT APPEARS THAT THE DRV/PRG NOT ONLY ARE UNWILLING TO CONSIDER THE RELEASE OF ADDITIONAL GVN PERSONNEL IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE RELEASES BUT ARE ALSO UNWILLING TO ALLOW A RESUMPTION OF RELEASES PRIOR TO TET BY AGREEING WITH AN INITIAL OR PARTIAL EXCHANGE OF ROUGHLY PROPORTIONATE NUMBERS. THE COMMUNISTS, FOR THEIR PART, HAVE BLAMED THE GVN FOR THE STALEMATE, CHARGING THAT SAIGON HAS RENEGED ON AN ALLEGED PROMISE TO RETURN ALL PRISONERS UNDER THE IMBALANCED JULY 17 AGREEMENT.

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INFILTRATION

--THE CIA AND DIA HAVE STATED OPPOSING INTERPRETATIONS ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CURRENT NVA COMBAT INFILTRATION INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. BOTH AGENCIES CONCUR THAT THE PRESENT INFILTRATION RATE IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING THE MID-NOVEMBER FORECAST OF A RECORD 60,000 STARTS BETWEEN DECEMBER AND APRIL/MAY. CIA BELIEVES THAT THIS NUMBER WOULD NOT ONLY REPLENISH UNDERSTRENGTH UNITS BUT ALSO PROVIDE A SIZABLE REPLACEMENT POOL NEEDED FOR AN OFFENSIVE. DIA, HOWEVER, MAINTAINS THAT THE CURRENT RATE OF INFILTRATION COULD NOT DEVELOP SUCH A MANPOWER POOL OR REPLACE LOSSES AT CURRENT LEVEL OF

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COMBAT. DIA'S INTERPRETATION REPRESENTS A BASIC FACTOR IN ITS ASSESSMENT THAT THERE WILL BE NO MAJOR COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS. (COMMENT: DIA'S INTERPRETATION STRIKES US AS SOMEWHAT PREMATURE; WE ARE INCLINED TOWARDS THE CIA VIEW PENDING SUPPORTING EVIDENCE FROM DIA.)

--IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE HAS CONFIRMED THAT ONE RECENT NVA REGULAR COMBAT GROUP TRANSITED THE ENTIRE INFILTRATION PIPELINE FROM VINH TO KRATIE (IN CAMBODIA NEAR THE COSVN AREA) IN THE REMARKABLY BRIEF PERIOD OF TWELVE DAYS. THE DISTANCE COVERED WAS 525 MILES. NORMAL INFILTRATION TIME FROM VINH TO THE COSVN AREA IS ROUGHLY 60 DAYS. HOWEVER, NO OTHER GROUPS HAVE YET BEEN DETECTED THIS FAR SOUTH IN THE CURRENT DRY SEASON AND THE REPORT MAY REPRESENT A ONE-TIME TEST FOR THE SPEEDIEST POSSIBLE INFILTRATION. A LESS THEN TWO WEEK TOTAL TRANSIT TIME TO THE COSVN AREA WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE NVA'S CAPABILITY FOR SWIFT REINFORCEMENT AND SHORT-NOTICE ATTACKS. SUBSEQUENT INFILTRATIONS WILL BE WATCHED CLOSELY.

WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS: THE STAR-NEWS HEADLINES THE REPORTED TAPE ERASURES.

ROBERT VANDER LEEN, THE MICHIGAN SENATE MAJORITY LEADER, WON THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL SEAT FORMERLY HELD BY VICE PRESIDENT FORD.

DRR KELLY WRITES THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL SAXBE WANTS TO STREAMLINE THE PROCEDURES FOR DOMESTIC CRIME WIRETAPS. NATIONAL SECURITY CASES REPORTEDLY ARE APPROVED WITHIN A DAY BUT DOMESTIC TAPS REQUIRE AT LEAST FIVE DAYS.

THE KIROV BALLET TOUR TO THE U.S. WAS ABRUPTLY CANCELLED YESTERDAY. THE TOUR WAS ALLEGEDLY CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE ENERGY CRISIS. THERE WERE INDICATIONS ALSO THAT THE UNDERLYING REASON WAS AMERICAN INDIGNATION AT MOSCOW'S FAILURE TO ALLOW VALERI AND GALINA PANDY TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL.

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